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JOHN HENRY COLT, WAS, ETAL, BRIBERY. AUSA BOTTS, MIAMI, INTENDS PRESENTATION OF ABOVE CASE TO GRAND JURY CONVENING OCTOBER EIGHT NEXT. ANTICIPATES RETURN OF INDICIMENT BY OCTOBER ELEVEN AND INTENDS PROSECUTION IN OCTOBER TERM OF FEDERAL COURT. COLT ADMITS SOLE INCOME TO BE FROM TRUST FUND BUT REFUSES TO FURNISH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS. BOTTS STATES THIS INCOME IS, IN HIS OPINION, A VERY PERTINENT ISSUE. WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED FUND IS HANDLED BY RIGGS NATIONAL BANK, WASHINGTON, DC, WHICH INSTITUTION REFUSES TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SAME OTHER THAN IT IS ADMINISTERED BY A LAWYER IN WASHINGTON. THIS LAWYER WAS CONTACTED BY AGENTS AND HE REFUSED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION, STATING THAT HE WOULD NOT EVEN PRODUCE ANY RECORDS CONCERNING THIS FUND IN ANSWER TO A SUBPOENA. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, BOTTS HAS REQUESTED THAT GEORGE HUNTINGTON HARTFORD, JR. FATHER OF MARY BARTON'S ILLEGITIMATE SON AND PERSON WHO IS GENERALLY ALLEGED TO HAVE ESTABLISHED ONEHALF MILLION DOLLAR TRUST FUND FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THIS BOY, BE INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE THE STIPULATIONS ATTACHED TO THE FUND. BOTTS DESIRES TO KNOW THE AMOUNT OF THE FUND, MANNER AND

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AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS, INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM PAYMENTS ARE MADE, AND ANY CONDITIONS AS TO THE USE THE MONEY IS INTENDED. NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE GEORGE HUNTINGTON HARTFORD, JR. IN THE EVENT HE IS PRESENTLY IN NEW YORK, HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED ALONG THE LINES SET OUT ABOVE. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS INTERVIEW BE HANDLED IN THE MOST DIPLOMATIC MANNER AND THAT HARTFORD BE MADE WELL AWARE OF THE PURPOSE OF THE INQUIRY. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS INTERVIEW BE HANDLED BY EXPERIENCED AGENTS AND BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IN VIEW OF THE IMMINENCE OF THE GRAND JURY PRESENTATION OF THIS CASE. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS AT THE TIME OF MARY BARTON-S DEATH IN SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN FORTYONE, AND AT THE TIME OF A CIVIL SUIT INSTITUTED BY FORMER HUSBAND OF FLORENCE COLT TO REGAIN CUSTODY OF THE ILLEGITIMATE CHILD HEARD IN NEW YORK JANUARY, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE, CARRIED NUMEROUS STORIES AND ACCOMPANYING PHOTOGRAPHS OF GEORGE HUNTINGTON HARTFORD, JR., OPENLY STATING THAT HE WAS THE FATHER OF BARTON-S ILLEGITIMATE CHILD AND THAT HE ESTABLISHED THE TRUST FUND. FROM THESE PRESS REPORTS IT IS APPARENT THAT THE DEATH OF BARTON AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS TRUST FUND BY HARTFORD ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN NEW YORK AND THE FACT THAT HARTFORD WAS THE FATHER OF BARTON-S ILLEGITIMATE CHILD IS WELL KNOWN.

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